

(c) Remarks

The claims are 1 and 3. Claim 1 has been amended to provide the metal atom is iridium. Platinum is now excluded as a metal atom (M). An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

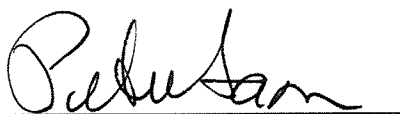
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under Rule 56 and according to Rules 97 and 98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in an attached abstract and/or an enclosed machine translation available from the Japanese Patent Office.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been confirmed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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